

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

DO NOT USE ZMINATE DOMAIN ON PRIVATE FARMLAND

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-031-001 | THE FARM IS A CENTURY FARM SINCE ABOUT 1895. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT PUTTING A LINE THROUGH THE CENTER OF IT WE HAVE LIVESTOCK AND HAY SO WE ARE WORKING IN FIELDS ALL SUMMER - NOT JUST SPRING + FALL. THE LINE WOULD ALSO BE CLOSE TO HOUSE - MY WIFE SAYS SHE WILL NOT LIVE IN HOUSE IF THEY BUILD LINE. SO IT COULD DESTROY THE FARM AND CAUSE A DIVORCE. WE ALSO HAVE LIVESTOCK AND ELECTRIC FENCE UNDER LINE. ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD IS REPORTED TO CAUSE ABORTIONS AND CAUSE FENCE PROBLEMS. THIS IS IN SECTION 13 PINE ISLAND TOWNSHIP GOODHUE CO.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc.) in the Project area and why?

I-031-002 | ALSO IN THIS AREA THE LINE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF FARMS FOR 2-3 MILES - NOT ON PROPERTY LINES
I-031-003 | THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL LARGE SINKHOLES ALONG THIS ROUTE - THERE IS ALSO A OIL PIPELINE
I-031-004 | OVER 30 YEARS OLD ALONG THIS LINE.

I-031-005 | THIS LINE COULD FOLLOW MAJOR HIGHWAYS LIKE 35 W. NORTH FIELDS / OWATONNA DOWN TO I-90 THEN EAST ALONG I-90. NOT CROSS ALL PRIVATE LAND

I-031-001

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the project website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-031-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-031-003

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-031-004

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-031-005

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-031-006

IT IS ALL ABOUT THE COAL IN WESTERN
DAKOTA

THE RAILROAD WANTS TO HAUL THE COAL
EAST

YOU WANT TO BUILD A POWERLINE AND
TRANSPORT IT WITH ELECTRICITY

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-031-006

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid.

The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.